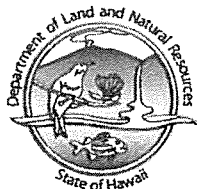


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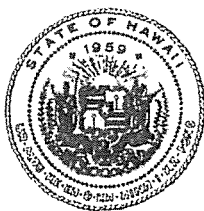
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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

On

**Bill 65 (2012)**

**A Bill for an Ordinance to Adopt the Revised 'Ewa Development Plan  
for the City and County of Honolulu**

**CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
CITY COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, October 3, 2012  
10:00 a.m.**

The State of Hawaii, by its Board of Land and Natural Resources ("BLNR") owns four parcels<sup>1</sup> in east Kapolei along Farrington Highway near the University of Hawaii West Oahu Campus. All four parcels are located in the State Land Use Urban District and considering the current and planned development of the area, the Department and BLNR have identified these lands for income generation to support the Department's various programs critical to the protection, management, and preservation of the State's natural resources.<sup>2</sup>

The above-entitled bill is seeks to amend the current 'Ewa Development Plan and replace it with the "Proposed Revised 'Ewa Development Plan" prepared by the Department of Planning and Permitting and dated May 2011("Proposed 'Ewa DP"). The Land Use Map and Public Facilities Map contained in the "Proposed Ewa DP" (Appendix A, pages A-17 and A-19) now proposes to place a high school symbol on or around two of BLNR's parcels, TMKs (1) 9-1-16:08 and (1) 9-1-18:08.<sup>3</sup>

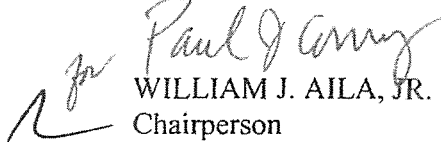
<sup>1</sup> TMKs; (1) 9-1-16:08; (1) 9-1-17:97; and (1) 9-1-18:05 & 08.

<sup>2</sup> Any lease of these lands would require BLNR approval in an open meeting and properly noticed with an agenda under the sunshine law.

<sup>3</sup> The Urban Land Use Map also designates BLNR's lands in east Kapolei as Residential and Low Density Apartment, Medium Density Apartment/Commercial Mixed Use, Community Commercial Center, and Transit Node. Residential developments are not typically handled BLNR, but by other agencies specifically tasked with that type of purpose, such as the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Hawaii Community Development Corporation and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

At the City and County of Honolulu, Planning Commission's (the "Commission") meetings on June 27, 2012 and July 11, 2012, the Commission confirmed the Department of Planning and Permitting's policy is that such symbols are generic to an area and not specific to a particular spot. While the Department appreciates the intent of the Proposed 'Ewa DP is not to designate BLNR lands as a future high school, the Department prefers and respectfully requests that the symbol be removed, in order to avoid any future misunderstanding or misinterpretation.<sup>4</sup>

Respectfully Submitted,

  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson

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<sup>4</sup> In fact, subsequent to the Commission's meeting on July 11, 2012, the BLNR received public testimony erroneously contending that the BLNR lands were designated for high school use by the Proposed 'Ewa DP.